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2. JP 2004-288263

3. JP 2000-32378 - This document corresponds to U.S. Patent Application Publication Nos. 2001/0041048, 2001/0046373, 2002/0076210 and EP 0 971 535.

4. JP 2003-331526 - This document corresponds to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0210895, EP 1 503 380 and WO 03/096342.

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